Capclave 2016
Restaurant Guide
Welcome back to Gaithersburg! You are in one of the outer suburbs of Washington, D.C.; Gaithersburg is the fourth largest incorporated city in Maryland and is located approx. 20 miles northwest of The White House. With a little exploration you will find there are a great variety of good restaurants. However, most of them may be beyond a reasonable walking distance.

This Restaurant Guide will briefly describe many of the choices available for eating, where they are located, and how to get to them. For convenience, the restaurants described in this Guide are grouped, as shown on the map above, by the following locations:

1) Inside the Hilton
2) Gaithersburg Square Shopping Center
3) Lakeforest Mall and vicinity
4) Montgomery Village Shopping Center
5) Diamond Square and Firstfield Shopping Centers
6) Quince Orchard Plaza Shopping Center
7) Gaitherstowne Plaza Shopping Center
8) Olde Towne Gaithersburg
9) Festival at Muddy Branch Shopping Center
10) Kentlands
11) Washingtonian Center
12) Downtown Crown

Note: for this Guide, $ = less than $10 for a typical menu item; $$ = $10-$19; $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurant ratings are from Yelp and other websites (based on 0-5 stars; NR = no rating found).

Notable new restaurants since last year’s Guide will have this highlight.
1) Inside the Hilton

The Hilton Washington DC North in Gaithersburg is located on Perry Parkway, a short distance from the intersection with Frederick Avenue (Maryland Rte. 355). All restaurants are located on the main floor of the hotel.

Restaurants

(A) **Rooks Corner Restaurant and Bar.** Breakfast, lunch and dinner restaurant. $$$. 3½ stars.

(B) **Rook’s Corner Café.** Coffee and pastries. $. NR.

Note: The Hilton has only a relatively small sundries shop. A possibly better place to buy toiletries, batteries, etc., is CVS in the Gaithersburg Square Shopping Center.
2) Gaithersburg Square Shopping Center

The Gaithersburg Square Shopping Center is located at the intersection of Perry Parkway and Frederick Avenue, and is a short walking distance from the Hilton.

Restaurants

(A) **Boston Market.** Homestyle. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-869-9600. [www.bostonmarket.com](http://www.bostonmarket.com)

(B) **Chipotle.** Mexican. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 240-632-1228. [www.chipotle.com](http://www.chipotle.com)

(C) **Chuck E Cheese’s.** Pizza. $$$. 2½ stars. Tel: 301-869-9010. [www.chuckecheese.com](http://www.chuckecheese.com)

(D) **Minerva Express.** Indian. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-947-1737. [www.minerva-express.com](http://www.minerva-express.com)

(E) **Panera Bread.** Salads, sandwiches, soups, pastries, coffee. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 240-632-2546. [www.panerabread.com](http://www.panerabread.com)

(F) **Potbelly Sandwich Shop.** Alas, not yet open (as of mid September).

(G) **Quickfire Japanese Hibachi.** Japanese. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-869-8168.

(H) **Yogiberry.** Frozen yogurt. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-987-2421. [www.yogiberry.com](http://www.yogiberry.com)

(I) **Yu Zhou Café.** Chinese. $ (cafeteria-style lunch on weekdays)/$$ (dinner). 3½ stars. Tel: 301-330-9808. (Located on back side of shopping center just off traffic circle.)

Other stores of possible interest

(J) **Bank of America.** Tel: 301-963-5360. [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com)

(K) **CVS.** Pharmacy and more. Tel: 301-948-8260. [www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com)

(L) **Grog Beer & Wine.** Closest place to buy beer and wine. Tel: 301-208-0750.

(M) **UPS Store.** Packaging and mailing supplies/services. Tel: 301-519-8550. [http://gaithersburg-md-4331.theupsstorelocal.com/](http://gaithersburg-md-4331.theupsstorelocal.com/)
3) Lakeforest Mall and vicinity

It's a long walk or a short drive to the restaurants and stores at Lakeforest Mall and vicinity. Turn left from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway and go 0.2 miles to the intersection of Perry Parkway and Frederick Avenue. To get to the mall, go straight across Frederick Avenue and continue on Lakeforest Boulevard for about another 0.1 miles to Russell Avenue and into the mall parking lot. To get to the two small shopping centers just beyond the mall, turn right onto Russell Avenue, go 0.2 miles and turn left onto Odendhal Avenue. Follow Odendhal for about 0.3 miles and turn left onto Lost Knife Road (which borders the two shopping centers). [Note: There is no left turn from westbound Montgomery Village Avenue onto southbound Frederick Avenue, so you cannot return to the hotel that way.]

Selected Restaurants

(A) **BLT Grill.** Breakfast and brunch. $. 4½ stars. Tel: 301-977-6575.  
(B) **Crisp & Juicy.** Peruvian chicken platters and sandwiches. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-355-7377.  
(C) **El Carbonazo.** Peruvian rotisserie chicken. $. 3 stars Tel: 301-869-5234. [www.elcarbonazo.net](http://www.elcarbonazo.net)  
(D) **Firehouse Deli.** Hot & cold sandwiches, salads, breakfast. $. 4 stars. Tel: 301-869-4434. [www.firhousedeli.com](http://www.firhousedeli.com)  
(E) **Golden Star Buffet.** Chinese all-you-can-eat buffet. $$$. 2½ stars. Tel: 301-869-8866.  
(F) **Ichiban.** Japanese/Korean/Sushi. $$-$$$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-670-0560.  
(G) **Lakeforest Mall Food Court.** Various cuisines. Mostly $. Mostly 3 stars. (Lakeforest Mall on lower level between Sears and Lord & Taylor.) Elsewhere inside the mall are:

- **Cinnabon.** Cinnamon rolls.
- **Curry King.** Nepali/Indian.
- **Dairy Queen / Orange Julius.** Ice cream and fruit drink beverages.
- **Rita’s.** Italian ice and frozen custard.
(H) Little Caesar’s. Pizza (take-out only). $ . 3½ stars. Tel: 301-990-3900. www.littlecaesars.com
(J) Paradise Biryan Pointe. Indian. $$ . 3 stars Tel: 301-355-5444. www.paradisebiryanipointe.com
(L) Pupuseria Doña Bessy. Latin American. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-990-7820. www.donabessy.com
(M) Roy Rogers. Fast food. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-869-5300. www.royrogersrestaurants.com
(N) Ruby Tuesday. American. $$ . 3 stars. Tel: 301-216-2773. www.rubytuesday.com (Lakeforest
Mall on upper level between Macy’s and Sears.)
(O) Subway. Submarine sandwiches, breakfast. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-208-8505. www.subway.com
(Q) Tortacos. Mexican. $. 4½ stars. Tel: 240-632-9423. www.eattortacos.com
(R) Wendy’s. Fast food. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-947-6516. www.wendys.com

Other stores of possible interest
(S) Costco. Large discount (membership-required) megamart. Possible place to find cheap party
supplies. Tel: 301-417-1500. www.costco.com
(T) Food Lion. Closest grocery store to the Hilton. Tel: 301-963-9775. www.foodlion.com
www.hmart.com
(V) Sam’s Club. Large discount (membership-required) megamart. Possible place to find cheap party
supplies. Tel: 301-216-2550. www.samsclub.com (Adjacent to parking lot behind Hilton.)
(W) Trader Joe’s. Specialty grocery store. Tel: 301-947-5953. www.traderjoes.com
(X) Wells Fargo Bank. Tel: 301-948-4800. www.wellsfargo.com
4) Montgomery Village Shopping Center

The Montgomery Village Shopping Center is located on Montgomery Village Avenue at the intersection with Centerway Road. To get there by car, turn left from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.2 miles to the traffic light at Frederick Avenue and continue straight ahead on Lakeforest Boulevard for another 0.1 mile. Turn left onto Russell Avenue, go 0.2 miles, and turn right onto Montgomery Village Avenue. Go on Montgomery Village Avenue (through multiple traffic lights) for 1.5 miles and turn left onto the shopping center entrance road (which is an extension of Centerway Road). [Note: There is no left turn from westbound Montgomery Village Avenue onto southbound Frederick Avenue, so you cannot return to the hotel that way.]

Selected Restaurants

(B) Ledo Pizza. Pizza, submarine sandwiches, pasta. $-$$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-740-3351. www.ledopizza.com

Other stores of possible interest

(D) Dollar Tree. Largest dollar store in the city, and a good place to find cheap party supplies. Tel: 240-632-0910. www.dollartree.com
(E) Global Food. Large international supermarket. Tel: 301-977-6005. www.theglobalfood.com
(Located on back side of shopping center.)
(F) Montgomery County Beer and Wine Store. County-run, and the closest place to the Hilton to buy hard liquors. Also sells a large variety of beer and wine. Tel: 240-773-2017. (Located on back side of shopping center.)
5) Diamond Square and Firstfield Shopping Centers

The Diamond Square and Firstfield Shopping Centers are located adjacent to each other near the intersection of Quince Orchard Road and West Diamond Avenue. To get to the Diamond Square Shopping Center by car, turn right from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.7 miles to the traffic light and turn right onto West Diamond Avenue. Follow West Diamond 0.6 miles to the second traffic light and turn right onto Bureau Drive. There are several entrances to Diamond Square and Firstfield Shopping Centers from either Bureau Drive or from Firstfield Road (0.2 miles ahead on Bureau Drive from intersection with West Diamond).

Selected Restaurants

(A) **California Grill.** Mexican. $$$. 3½ stars. 240-632-1400.

(B) **Dogfish Head Alehouse.** Brewpub restaurant. $$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-963-4847. [www.dogfishalehouse.com](http://www.dogfishalehouse.com)

(C) **Einstein Bros. Bagels.** Bagel deli. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-947-4208. [www.einsteinbros.com](http://www.einsteinbros.com)

(D) **Hibachi Sushi Supreme Buffet.** Asian/Seafood all-you-can-eat buffet. $$. 3 stars. Tel: 301-208-7305.

(E) **JDS Shanghai Famous Food.** Chinese. $$$. 3½ stars. Tel:301-330-5555. [www.jdsshanghaigaithersburg.com](http://www.jdsshanghaigaithersburg.com)

(F) **Jerry’s.** Submarine sandwiches, pizza. $-$$. 3 stars. Tel: 301-977-4700. [www.jerrysusa.com](http://www.jerrysusa.com)

(G) **Jimmy John’s.** Sandwiches. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-355-8960. [www.jimmyjohns.com](http://www.jimmyjohns.com)

(H) **Limon.** Peruvian. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-337-6207.

(I) **Silk Road Choyhona.** Uzbek. $. 4½ stars. Tel: 301-330-5262.

(J) **Starbucks.** Coffee and pastries. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-987-2250. [www.starbucks.com/store/16668/](http://www.starbucks.com/store/16668/)

(K) **Subway.** Submarine sandwiches, breakfast. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-527-8988. [www.subway.com](http://www.subway.com)

Other stores of possible interest

(L) **Giant Foods.** Grocery store (no beer or wine sales). Tel: 301-216-0911. [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com)
6) Quince Orchard Plaza Shopping Center

The Quince Orchard Plaza Shopping Center is located at the intersection of Quince Orchard Road and Clopper Road. To get there by car, turn right from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.7 miles to the traffic light and turn right onto West Diamond Avenue. Follow West Diamond 0.6 miles to the third traffic light and turn left onto Quince Orchard Road. Go on Quince Orchard for about 0.1 miles and turn right onto the shopping center entrance road.

Selected Restaurants

(A) Buffalo Wild Wings. Wings, burgers & sandwiches sports bar. $-$$. 3 stars. Tel: 301-330-7300. [www.buffalowildwings.com](http://www.buffalowildwings.com)

(B) Dunkin’ Donuts. Beverages, fast food, and donuts. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-799-2080. [www.dunkindonuts.com](http://www.dunkindonuts.com)

(C) McDonald’s. Fast food. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-948-1189. [www.mcmaryland.com/21080/](http://www.mcmaryland.com/21080/)


(E) Quincy’s Bar & Grille. Pub food. $$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-869-8200.


Other stores of possible interest

(G) Staples. Office supplies and copying services. Tel. 301-987-7611. [www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com)

(H) Rite Aid. Pharmacy and sundries. If you can’t find it in CVS, try here. Tel. 301-990-6993. [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com)

(I) Taste of Europe. Russian/Eastern Europe grocery store and market. 4 stars. Tel: 301-590-9094.

Other stores of possible interest

(J) Aldi. Discount-price grocery store (no brand name products).
7) Gaitherstowne Plaza Shopping Center

The Gaitherstowne Plaza Shopping Center is located at the intersection of Frederick Avenue and Chestnut Street. To get there by car, turn left from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.2 miles to the traffic light and turn right onto Frederick Avenue. Follow Frederick about 0.5 miles and turn right onto one of the shopping center entrance roads.

Selected Restaurants

(A) **Basil’s Pizza.** Specialty pizza, submarine sandwiches, salads, burgers, pasta. $$ (pizza)/$ (other). 3½ stars. Tel. 301-208-8107. [www.basilspizzasubs.com](http://www.basilspizzasubs.com)

(B) **Domino's Pizza.** Pizza, breadbowl pasta, sandwiches (take-out only). $$. 2½ stars. Tel: 301-990-2400. [www.dominos.com](http://www.dominos.com)

(C) **Golden Bull Grand Café.** American cuisine. $ (lunch)/$$-$$$ (dinner). 3 stars. Tel. 301-948-3666. [www.golden-bull.com](http://www.golden-bull.com) (Located on Dalamar Street, a right turn off Frederick Avenue on the way to Gaitherstowne Plaza.)

(D) **IHOP.** American cuisine. $$-$$. 3 stars. Tel: 301-840-5706. [www.ihop.com](http://www.ihop.com)

(E) **Kenny’s Sub Shop.** Chinese food and sandwiches. $$-$$. 3 stars. Tel: 301-963-2038. [www.kennysubshopgaithersburg.com](http://www.kennysubshopgaithersburg.com)

(F) **Sardi’s.** Charcoal broiled chicken, hot sandwiches, salads. 4 stars. Tel: 301-977-3222. [www.sardischicken.com](http://www.sardischicken.com) (Located on Frederick Avenue on the way to Gaitherstowne Plaza.)

Other stores of possible interest

(G) **Deshi Bazar.** Bangladeshi grocery store. Tel: 301-963-4418. [www.deshibazarhalal.com](http://www.deshibazarhalal.com)

(H) **Dollar & More.** Closest dollar store to the Hilton, and a possible place to find cheap party supplies.
8) Olde Towne Gaithersburg

The oldest part of the city dates back to the 1870s and is where City Hall and the Gaithersburg Community Museum are located. To get there by car, turn left from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.2 miles to the traffic light and turn right onto Frederick Avenue. Follow Frederick about 0.5 miles and turn right (just beyond the Gaitherstowne Shopping Center) onto Chestnut Street. Go less than 0.1 mile on Chestnut and turn left onto East Diamond Avenue. Follow East Diamond for about 0.5 miles to get to the center of Old Towne. (Please be aware that you cannot get to Olde Towne from West Diamond Avenue, which does not connect with East Diamond.)

Selected Restaurants

(A) Antojitos. Mexican. $. NR. Tel: 301-740-2424.
(B) Cancun. Mexican. $$$. NR. Tel: 301-840-9474.
(C) Growler’s. Brewpub restaurant. $$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-519-9400. www.growlersofgaithersburg.com
(F) Manhattan Pizza & Pasta. Pizza, pasta and more. $$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-987-0050. www.manhattanpizzaanpasta.com
(G) Olde Towne Café. Homestyle. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-519-7300.

Other stores of possible interest

(J) Center Market Morazan. Latin American grocery and market. Tel: 301-926-0282.
9) Festival at Muddy Branch Shopping Center

The Festival at Muddy Branch Shopping Center is located on Muddy Branch Road adjacent to Interstate 270, but cannot be reached via I-270. To get there by car, turn right from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.7 miles to the traffic light and turn left onto West Diamond Avenue. Follow West Diamond for 0.2 miles and turn right onto Muddy Branch Road. Follow Muddy Branch Road for 0.7 miles (passing over I-270) and turn left onto the shopping center entrance road.

Selected Restaurants

(A) Boca Botana’s Tapas Bar. Tapas and small plates. $$$. 4½ stars. Tel: 240-702-0869. www.bocabotanas.com

(B) Curry Place. Indian. $-$$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-355-8077. www.curryplacemd.com

(C) Hearty’s Chinese Restaurant. Chinese. $. 3 stars. Tel: 301-926-1100. www.heartyschinese.com

(D) Il Porto. Italian. $$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-590-0735. www.ilportorestaurant.com


(G) Ogei’s Hookah Bar & Grill. Kebobs, burgers & sandwiches, hookah bar. $$$. 3 stars. Tel: 301-987-1122. www.ogeisbar.com

(H) Sushi Chalet. All-you-can-eat sushi bar. $$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-948-7373.

Other stores of possible interest

10) Kentlands

The Kentlands is located at the intersection of Quince Orchard Road and Great Seneca Highway. It is a large mixed residential-retail development with many good restaurant choices available. To get there by car, turn right from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.7 miles to the traffic light and turn right onto West Diamond Avenue. Follow West Diamond 0.6 miles to the third traffic light and turn left onto Quince Orchard Road. Go on Quince Orchard for 1.9 miles (through multiple traffic lights) and turn left at the traffic light onto Kentlands Boulevard.

Selected Restaurants

(A) **Batik.** Pan-Asian street food and dumplings. $$-$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-869-8661. batikdumplingbar.com

(B) **Bonefish Grill.** Seafood. $$. 3½ stars. Tel: 240-631-2401. www.bonefishgrill.com

(C) **Boulevard Tavern.** American (specializing in steaks and seafood). $$-$$. 3 stars. Tel: 301-569-4247. thetaverns.com/boulevard-tavern/

(D) **Buca di Beppo.** Family-style Italian (not recommended for solo dining). $$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-947-7346. www.bucadibeppo.com/restaurants/md/gaithersburg/

(E) **Caspian.** Persian (with belly-dancing entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights). $$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-590-0007. www.caspiankentlands.com

(F) **Coal Fire Pizza.** Pizza baked in coal-fueled oven. $$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-519-2625. www.coalfireonline.com

(G) **Cold Stone Creamery.** Ice cream with mix-ins. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-590-0009. www.coldstonecreamery.com
(H) **Crepes-a-Go-Go.** Savory and sweet crepes. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-519-9777. [www.crepes-a-gogo.com](http://www.crepes-a-gogo.com)

(I) **Diya Bistro.** Indian. $$$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-869-4573. [www.diyabistro.com](http://www.diyabistro.com)

(J) **Good Fortune Café.** Chinese. $-$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-216-2828. [goodfortune cafekentlands.com](http://goodfortune cafekentlands.com)

(K) **Hot Breads.** Indian bakery and cafe. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-977-1919. [www.hotbreadsmddc.com](http://www.hotbreadsmddc.com)

(L) **Jaymar Colombian Breeze.** Colombian. $$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-869-0023. [www.colombianbreeze.com](http://www.colombianbreeze.com)

(M) **Jersey Mike’s.** Specialty submarine sandwiches. $. 4 stars. Tel: 301-977-4842. [www.jerseymikes.com](http://www.jerseymikes.com)

(N) **Luna Italia.** Italian. 2½ stars. Tel: 240-361-2924. [www.lunaitaliakentlands.com](http://www.lunaitaliakentlands.com)

(O) **Ming’s Asian Bistro.** Chinese/Vietnamese. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-977-2222. [www.mingsasianbistro.com](http://www.mingsasianbistro.com)

(P) **Moby Dick.** Kebob platters and sandwiches. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-987-7770. [www.mobyskabob.com](http://www.mobyskabob.com)

(Q) **Nalley Fresh.** Customize-your-own bowls, wraps and salads. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 240-702-0773. [www.nalleyfresh.com](http://www.nalleyfresh.com)

(R) **Noodles & Company.** Noodle dishes of various cuisines. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-926-5901. [www.noodles.com](http://www.noodles.com)

(S) **Not Your Average Joe’s.** American and pizza. $$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 240-477-1040. [www.notyouraveragejoes.com/gaithersburg/](http://www.notyouraveragejoes.com/gaithersburg/)

(T) **Pasha Land.** Moroccan. $$$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-216-2223. [www.pashaland.com](http://www.pashaland.com)

(U) **Peppers Taco and Wine Bar.** Mexican. $$$. 4 stars. Tel: 240-888-1049. [www.pepperstacoandwine.com](http://www.pepperstacoandwine.com)

(V) **Potomac Village Deli.** Sandwiches, salads, pizza. $-$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-299-5770. [www.potomacvillagedeli.com](http://www.potomacvillagedeli.com)

(W) **Tandoori Nights.** Indian. $$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-947-4007. [www.tandoorinightsmd.com](http://www.tandoorinightsmd.com)

(X) **Thai Tanium.** Thai. $$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-990-3699. [www.thaitaniumrestaurant.com](http://www.thaitaniumrestaurant.com)

(Y) **Vasilis Mediterranean Grill.** Greek. $$$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-977-1011. [www.vasilisgrill.com](http://www.vasilisgrill.com)

(Z) **Yoyogi Sushi.** Sushi bar. $. 4 stars. Tel: 301-963-0001

(AA) **Zoe’s Kitchen.** Mediterranean. $$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-947-7711. [www.zoeskitchen.com](http://www.zoeskitchen.com)
11) Washingtonian Center

The Washingtonian Center is located at the intersection of Sam Eig Highway and Interstate 270 and can be easily reached via I-270. It is another large mixed residential-retail development with good restaurant choices available. To get there by car, turn right from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.7 miles to the traffic light and turn right onto West Diamond Avenue. Follow West Diamond 0.3 miles and turn left onto the I-270 on-ramp. Merge onto I-270 and stay in the right lane. Go about 0.8 miles and take the next exit (Exit 9); stay to the right and merge onto Sam Eig Highway (which is an extension of Interstate 370). Stay to the right, go about 0.6 miles, and take the off-ramp to Washingtonian Blvd. Turn left at the traffic light and follow Washingtonian Blvd. into the shopping center.

To return to the Hilton, turn right onto the Sam Eig Highway entrance ramp from Washingtonian Blvd. Go about 0.3 miles on Sam Eig and take the exit to go north onto I-270 (toward Frederick). Take the next exit (Exit 10) and at the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto West Diamond Avenue. Follow West Diamond a very short distance to the next traffic light and turn left onto Perry Parkway, which will take you to the Hilton.

Selected Restaurants

(A) BGR the Burger Joint. Burgers. $$ 3 stars. Tel: 301-569-7086. www.bgrtheburgerjoint.com
(B) California Pizza Kitchen. Pizzas and more. $$ 3½ stars. Tel: 301-330-0681. www.cpk.com
(E) Guapo’s. Mexican. $$ 3½ stars. Tel: 301-977-5655. www.guaposrestaurant.com
(F) Joe’s Crab Shack. Crabs by the bucket and other seafood. $$$. 2½ stars. Tel: 301-947-4377. www.joescrabshack.com


(H) Potbelly’s. Sandwiches. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-963-4055. www.potbelly.com/GaithersburgRio/


(K) Union Jack’s. British pub food. $. 3 stars. Tel: 240-780-7139. www.unionjacksrio.com

Other stores of possible interest

(L) AMC Loews Rio Cinemas 18. Closest cineplex to the Hilton; includes an IMAX. www.amctheatres.com/Rio18/


12) **Downtown Crown**

Downtown Crown, located adjacent to the Washingtonian Center, is a new large mixed residential-retail development with good restaurant choices available. To get there by car, use the directions to Washingtonian Center but stay on Sam Eig Highway to the Fields Road intersection, and turn left then. To return to the Hilton, go back to Sam Eig Highway and use the same directions as for Washingtonian Center.

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**Selected Restaurants**

(A) **&pizza.** Customize-your-own-pizza; salads and craft sodas. $ 4½ stars. Tel: 240-499-8447. [www.andpizza.com](http://www.andpizza.com)

(B) **Asia Nine.** Asian Fusion featuring Thai and sushi. $$ 3 stars. Tel: 301-330-9997. [www.asianinemd.com](http://www.asianinemd.com)

(C) **Chop’t.** Salads and sandwiches. $. 4 stars. Tel: 240-252-4322. [choptdowntowncrown.com](http://choptdowntowncrown.com)

(D) **Coastal Flats.** Seafood, salads, sandwiches. $$ 4 stars. Tel: 301-869-8800. [www.greatamericanrestaurants.com/coastalflats/gaithersburg/](http://www.greatamericanrestaurants.com/coastalflats/gaithersburg/)

(E) **La Madalene.** French. $-$$. 3 stars. Tel: 240-449-4879. [www.lamadeleine.com](http://www.lamadeleine.com)

(F) **Mezeh.** Mediterranean design-your-own-meal. $. 4 stars. Tel: 301-339-8166 [www.mezeh.com](http://www.mezeh.com)
(G) **Old Town Pour House.** Beer (more than 90 varieties) and bar food. $$$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-963-6281. [www.oldtownpourhouse.com/gaithersburg](http://www.oldtownpourhouse.com/gaithersburg/)

(H) **Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar.** Latin American. $$. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-330-4400. [www.paladarlatin kitchen.com/locations/gaithersburg-md](http://www.paladarlatin kitchen.com/locations/gaithersburg-md/)

(I) **Ruth’s Chris Steak House.** Steaks mostly. $$$$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-990-1926. [www.ruthschris.com/restaurant-locations/gaithersburg](http://www.ruthschris.com/restaurant-locations/gaithersburg/)

(J) **Smashburger.** Create-your-own-burgers; salads. $. 3½ stars. Tel: 301-591-1100. [www.locations.smashburger.com/us/md/gaithersburg](http://www.locations.smashburger.com/us/md/gaithersburg/)

(K) **Ted’s Bulletin.** American. $-$$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-990-0600. [www.tedsbulletin.com/locations/downtown-crown](http://www.tedsbulletin.com/locations/downtown-crown/)


(M) **Vonik’s Juice.** Juices, fruit bowls, and fruit smoothies. $-$$. 3 stars. Tel: 301-963-8218. [www.voniksjuice.com](http://www.voniksjuice.com)

(N) **Ziki.** Japanese steakhouse (with hibachi tables). $$. 4 stars. Tel: 301-330-3868. [www.zikisteakhouse.com/restaurant-locations/gaithersburg](http://www.zikisteakhouse.com/restaurant-locations/gaithersburg/)

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**Other stores of possible interest**

(O) **Harris Teeter.** Largest supermarket in Gaithersburg (open 24 hours). Party trays of all kinds available; can order online. Tel: 301-963-7904. [locations.harristeeter.com/md/gaithersburg/384](http://locations.harristeeter.com/md/gaithersburg/384/)
End Notes

“But wait,” we can imagine you thinking, “there’s no smokehouse barbecue?!?”

Well, there is, actually. There are a couple of pretty good ones are located within a reasonable distance from the Hilton, but they are all a bit farther away than the places described in this guide.

**Red Hot & Blue** ([www.redhotandblue.com/maryland/gaithersburg.htm](http://www.redhotandblue.com/maryland/gaithersburg.htm), $-$$$, 3½ stars, Tel: 301-948-7333) is located in the Crabbs Branch Plaza shopping center, about 5½ miles away. To get there by car, turn right from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.7 miles to the traffic light and turn right onto West Diamond Avenue. Follow West Diamond 0.3 miles and turn left onto the I-270 on-ramp. Merge onto I-270 and stay in the right lane. Go about 0.8 miles and take the next exit (Exit 9); stay to the left and merge onto I-370. Go 1.9 miles and take the Shady Grove Road exit (Exit 3A). Turn right onto Shady Grove Road, go about 0.2 miles to the traffic light, and turn right onto Crabbs Branch Way. The restaurant is in the plaza immediately on the right (in the northwest corner of the plaza).

**Famous Dave’s** ([www.famousdaves.com/dinein/Germantown](http://www.famousdaves.com/dinein/Germantown), $$-$$$, 3½ stars, Tel: 301-540-1099) is located in the Shops at Seneca Meadows, about 5½ miles away. To get there by car, turn left from the Hilton parking lot onto Perry Parkway. Go 0.2 miles to the traffic light at Frederick Avenue and turn left onto Montgomery Village Avenue. Go for another 0.2 miles and merge onto I-270 north (toward Frederick). Follow I-270 for 4 miles and take Exit 16 (Father Hurley Blvd. / Ridge Road). The exit ramp divides, so stay to the right (east) and merge onto Ridge Road. Go for 0.2 miles and then turn right (at the traffic light) onto Observation Drive. Follow Observation Drive for 0.2 miles and turn right into the shopping center.

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